



Minutes
April 6, 2016

Present:	Jim Brescia, COE (Vice Chair)	Biz Steinberg
	Dan Dow, DA	
	Lisa Fraser, CFSSLO	
	Jeff Hamm, HA	
	Kayla Plourde, JJDP	
	Jim Roberts, FCN	
	Jim Salio, Probation	
Staff:	Tracy Schiro, DSS	
Guests:	Diana McPartlan, Victim Witness	
	Wendy Wendt, First 5	
	Marcie Goodale, DSS	

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Vice Chair, Jim Brescia, called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. Dan Dow introduced Diana McPartland, new Victim Witness Director. Introductions were made around the table. There were no additions to the agenda.

Announcements: Biz Steinberg – Children’s Day in the Plaza is Saturday, April 9. Dr. Brescia- various political forums will take place over the next couple of months.

Action Item:

Approval of CSN January 6, 2016 minutes.

Motion: K. Plourde

Second: Lisa Fraser

Motion Passed.

Information/Discussion Item: Children’s Share- Continued conversation regarding services provided for children from 0-18 in SLO County, and identifying gaps in services. Biz Steinberg and Anne Robin brought recommendations from teens served by CAPSLO and the Health Agency. They would like affordable Mental Health support and Drug Counseling, as well as subsidized childcare. There was discussion regarding availability of these services. Outreach and informing the community of services, as well as parity of services were recurring topics which the Board would like to explore. The point of this exercise was discussed and clarified. Consensus was that this is meant to identify weaknesses and gaps in services provided for children in San Luis Obispo County, support the community and/or make them feel supported, and inform the community of services available. Next steps- gather program information for Tracy to compile data. There was some discussion around capturing data from providers not represented at CSN. Jeff Hamm mentioned 211 as a resource.

Wendy Wendt, First 5, thanked the group for continuing the discussion regarding “Children’s Share” and gap analysis. She identified informing the community of and gaining support for these services, as ways of improving and preventing serious issues later in life, in addition, support from the community is vital to programs surviving and thriving.

Information/Discussion Item: Roles and Expectations of CSN. Jim Roberts gave a brief history of CSN, and reviewed the Mission, Vision and Values:

The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Children's Services Network is advocacy to meet the needs of the children, youth and families of San Luis Obispo County through development and support of community partnerships. Our vision is safe and healthy children, youth and families learning and growing to their full potential in supportive communities. The Children's Services Network values respect for individuals and the prevention of problems as its first priorities.

The CSN encourages the development and implementation of interactions, programs and services that are collaborative and incorporate the "best practices" of being family centered, strength based, needs driven, solution oriented and community based.

This is an advisory board with permission from the Federal Government to handle “small” funds. Some members expressed a desire to go after more funds and become a larger presence in the County; perhaps present to the Board of Supervisors on a regular basis. The group agreed to review the current bylaws and provide feedback at the next meeting or perhaps “reauthorize” the bylaws. The Board would also like to have a resolution presentation at the BOS recognizing the 25 years in which CSN has been in existence. There was a suggestion to report to the BOS annually as a way to stay relevant. Biz Steinberg commented on how partner agency relationships grew and were strengthened through CSN; which was the main goal at its creation.

Standing Agenda Item: Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families- no additional discussion/information. Tracy reported that DSS continues to house families through the Housing Support Program. We continue to struggle with lack of available housing in this County. There are families ready and waiting to be housed, as soon as viable space is identified. Lack of (affordable) housing is a recurring issue. Biz reported that homeless children at the emergency shelter has increased remarkably in recent weeks. Lisa Fraser would like to highlight the lack of housing as a serious issue when/if we do have a Resolution Presentation before the Board. Wendy Wendt would like to support CSN’s efforts in this area.

Information/Discussion Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative Tracy recognized the unique and strong presence of a collaborative team; both Community members and Government organizations working together Not many Counties have collaboration such as this.

Future Agenda Items:

- Compile Children's Share data (in order to inform the Public and identify gaps in services.)
- Feedback on current bylaws.
- Resolution for 25 Years of service to the Community, discussion

Adjournment: 2:58 PM